



Amherst Chamber of Commerce Health Care Survey Results

Survey conducted July- August 2009

570 respondents , 94% of whom own businesses with 1-50 employees

Does your business currently offer health insurance?

For you	30%
For your employees	9%
For you and your employees	49%
No	11%

If your business does not currently offer health insurance for you and your employees, why not?

Too expensive to obtain quality coverage	63%
Any insurance is too expensive	31%
No time to investigate	6%

Have you done any of the following in response to health insurance premium increases?

Switched to health insurance with higher out-of-pocket costs	61%
Increased employee contribution	18%
Switched to health insurance that covers fewer services	7%
None of the above	3%

Would you favor or oppose creating a government-run, taxpayer funded public health insurance plan that would compete with private health insurance plans?

Support	19%
Oppose	73%
Don't know	8%

Would you favor or oppose the government requiring employers to pay a fee if they do not provide health insurance for their employees?

Support	8%
Oppose	77%
Don't know	15%

If there were a government-run public plan offered, how likely would you be to look into purchasing it for your employees?

Very likely	18%
Somewhat likely	19%
Not too likely	23%
Not at all likely	30%
Don't know	10%

About the Amherst Chamber of Commerce

The Amherst Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1957 by a group of older Williamsville businessmen who represented the majority of businesses along Main Street. Now, 52 years later, the Chamber is one of the country's largest suburban chambers. Through its Board of Directors, scores of dedicated volunteers, strategic partnerships and more than 2,000 members, the Chamber works to protect, accelerate and facilitate collaboration of the business interests in the Buffalo-Niagara region. Learn more by visiting <http://www.amherst.org>.